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SUBJECT: FILM CENSORSHIP

NAIROBI FOR AMB. MARSHALL

1. IN RESPONSE TO A QUERY, DET. 4 RECEIVED FOLLOWING FROM AFSCF LOS ANGELES:

BEGIN QUOTE:

CONCUR IN THE EVALUATION THAT THE MAHE TRACKING STATION IS NOT A QUOTE PUBLIC PLACE UNQUOTE AND THAT THE RESOLUTION OF THE FILM CENSORSHIP ISSUE IS A GOVERNMENT TO GOVERNMENT ACTION.

THE TRACKING STATION COMMANDER SHOULD DEFER ALL DISCUSSIONS ON THIS SUBJECT TO THE LOCAL U.S. CHARGE D'AFFAIRES. ALTHOUGH IT IS UNDESIRABLE AND AN INCONVENIENCE, THE ONLY CONCESSION POSSIBLE IS, IF NECESSARY, TO RESTRICT THE THEATER TO U.S. PERSONNEL. WE CANNOT CONSIDER CENSORSHIP OF FILMS AS A PERMISSIBLE SOLUTION.

END QUOTE.

2. PRIOR TO CONTACTING GOS, WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR IDEAS ON APPROACH TO BE TAKEN. MAIN QUESTION SEEMS TO BE GOS DIFINITION OF "PUBLIC PLACE." HAVE BEEN ADVISED THAT LOCAL LAW WAS CHANGED TO MAKE DEFINITION OF PUBLIC PLACE AS A PLACE WHERE TWO OR MORE PEOPLE ASSEMBLE.

3. TRACKING STATION AGREEMENT DOES NOT MENTION FILMS NOR WETHER BASE IS PUBLIC OR PRIVATE. I AM INCLINED TO TAKE APPROACH THAT BASE IS NOT PUBLIC, IT IS AREA CONTROLLED BY USG WITH FENCES AND GUARDS TO RESTRICT PUBLIC ACCESS.

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